

## **N.C. 12 Sandbag and Dune Rebuilding Update - 1/8/13**

Crews are making progress rebuilding the dunes along N.C. 12 just north of Mirlo Beach that washed away during Hurricane Sandy and a pair of Nor'easters last year. While the work is under way, the highway remains open to traffic.

In order to rebuild the dunes, Cape Dredging first had to dig a trench along the former dune line. Once a trench was dug, crews placed sandbags in rows along the trenches. As of Sunday, Jan. 6, crews had approximately 620 sandbags left to put along this section of roadway. Weather permitting, this work could be complete as early as Jan. 18. Once all the sandbags are in place, they will be covered with approximately 6-8 feet of sand. The sand used for filling sandbags and dune reconstruction is trucked in from a sand pit in Avon.

## **FERRY INFORMATION**

The NCDOT Ferry Division is adding two night departures at its Swan Quarter-Ocracoke route, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 9, to assist travelers while the Hatteras ferry channel is dredged. These runs are in addition to the current winter schedule of two departures daily from each side. The extra night departures will continue until the Hatteras-Ocracoke schedule returns to normal.

For the past several weeks, ferry operations have been suspended daily during low water at the Hatteras-Ocracoke route. Shoaling in the channel has been an ongoing issue, but Hurricane Sandy, two back-to-back Nor'easters and several winter wind storms have contributed to the problem. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working to resolve the situation, as the channel falls under federal jurisdiction. The USACE has issued a dredging contract to address the channel shoaling, and work is under way, but several weeks could pass before dredging alleviates the problem. For more information, visit our [Rebuilding N.C. 12](#) blog.